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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

7 ME2 PRODUCTIONS, INC.,

8 Plaintiff,

9 v.

10 DAVID MATENDO, *et al.*,

11 Defendants.
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Case No. C17-1220RSL

ORDER PERMITTING SERVICE
BY MAIL

13 This matter comes before the Court on plaintiff's "Motion to Permit Alternative
14 Mail Service" on defendant John Chu. Dkt. # 19. Federal Rule of Procedure 4(e)(1)
15 allows plaintiff to effect service "pursuant to the law of the state in which the district is
16 located." Washington law authorizes service by mail upon a showing that (a) defendant
17 has made reasonably diligent efforts at personal service (Rodriguez v. James-Jackson,
18 127 Wn. App. 139, 140 (2005)), and (b) defendant resides in the state but has concealed
19 herself in order to avoid service of process (RCW 4.28.100(4)).

20 Plaintiff has made multiple unsuccessful attempts to personally serve Mr. Chu.
21 There is evidence that the named defendant resides at, or is associated with, the address
22 identified by the ISP and used by the process server. In addition, inhabitants of the
23 apartment have repeatedly declined to respond to the door and it appears that Mr. Chu is
24 actively avoiding service. All of the prerequisites for allowing service by mail are
25 therefore satisfied, and there is reason to believe that service by mail will effectively
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1 notify defendant of the claims against him.

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3 Plaintiff's motion is GRANTED. Plaintiff may, therefore, accomplish service by
4 depositing copies of the summons, complaint, and this Order in the United States Post
5 Office directed to defendant Chu at his address.

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7 Dated this 11th day of December, 2017.

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9 Robert S. Lasnik
10 United States District Judge
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